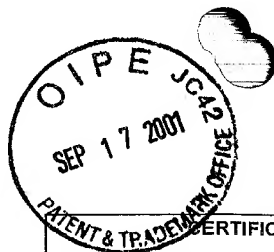


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In the application of: Khandros et al.

Application No.: 09/295,269

Filing Date: April 20, 1999

For: CONTACT STRUCTURE DEVICE FOR  
INTERCONNECTIONS, INTERPOSER,  
SEMICONDUCTOR ASSEMBLY AND  
PACKAGE USING THE SAME AND  
METHOD

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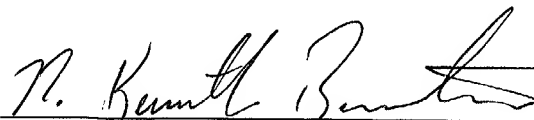
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